

Proclamation

Presented to the

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) mission is to “ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination”; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) principal objectives include ensuring political, educational, social and economic equality of all citizens; achieving equality of rights and eliminating race prejudice among the citizens of the United States; removing all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes; and seeking enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) emphasizes the significant and historic contributions African Americans have made to the people of Hawai‘i; their proud legacy includes stories of freed slaves coming to the islands and becoming the vanguard in businesses, education and community building; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) presents the importance of the Juneteenth Celebration; on June 19, 1865, the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the proud sponsor of the 147th Juneteenth Celebration on June 18, 2011 at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand in Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will treat attendees to this celebration with live local music and ethnic food and products from local vendors;


THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2011 as

“147th JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION DAY”

in Hawai‘i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for its contributions in assuring equality and recognition for Hawai‘i’s multi-ethnic communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this fourteenth day of June, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i